



I REPRODUCE the following very interesting dispatch from Jefferson City to the Republic, dated May 19:

The eighth annual convention of the County Superintendents of Public Schools closed to-day.

More money for the support of the schools, more free text-books and the enlargement of the high school system were the chief needs emphasized.

D. W. Clayton, statistical expert in the office of State Superintendent Howard A. Gass, delivered an address of instruction as to the reports required annually by the department both from the County Clerk and the County Superintendent.

Thomas J. Walker, Rural School Inspector, submitted figures showing the number of illiterates in Missouri to be slightly in excess of 111,000, or a fraction more than 1 per cent of the population.

Walker advocated the establishment of "moonlight" or night schools for adults. The convention endorsed this idea and it will be tried in many places in the State.

Resolutions adopted indorse the following:

A new State Constitution in which there will be no restriction on the development of the public schools.

The Missouri Federation of Commercial Clubs and its propaganda for general betterment of Missouri.

Bankers and others providing funds for testing seeds in the public schools.

Teaching of agriculture in the schools.

Formulation of a code of ethics for the teachers.

The antituberculosis campaign and sale of Red Cross seals in public schools.

Familiarization of the pupils with the Bible.

Increase of salaries for second-grade certificate teachers from \$40 to \$50 a month and salaries of first-grade certificate teachers from \$30 to \$40.

An amendment increasing the minimum tax levy for school purposes from 40 to 65 cents on the \$100 valuation.

Our friends, the school teachers, are too modest in their requests—not to say, demands. They seem to have the world by the tail—why not swing it around to some purpose? The removal of constitutional restrictions in the levying of taxes and the bonding of school districts may be all right, so far as that goes, but why stop there? Why not go one step further and do away with the burdensome and inconvenient and sometimes obstructive privilege of voting on these propositions now held by the people, whose sole care and duty—so far as the sacred cause of Education is concerned—ought to be epitomized in the word, "pay?"

Not they to reason why,

But simply pay and die,

when the exigencies demand—that is to say, the school teachers. The resolution asking the familiarization of the pupils of the public schools with the Bible meets with my most hearty (though of course, untrained) approval. What interest it would lend not only to the school, but to all of us! To properly and fully familiarize the pupils with the Good Book, it would have to be read and discussed from every point of view and faith—one-sided familiarization would not and ought not to be tolerated. But this may easily be avoided. Let the Book be discussed by ministers trained to their sacred calling: To-day, a Catholic priest; to-morrow, a Methodist; and, successively following, a Baptist, a Presbyterian, a Rabbi, etc., etc. Even so, there will be kickers, I know; but we can only do our best, and let it go at that, unmindful of them. Some mentally half-baked individuals will contend that the school is out of its rightful province; that the church and the home should have exclusive jurisdiction in matters of faith and belief and worship. But they are old fogies, or perhaps worse, seeing these things not as we do, but as through a glass darkly. We'll pray for them and pursue our "onward and upward" way in love and charity to all the world and a new and non-restricting constitution.

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Dent County Press: "Prosecuting Attorney McGee has scored another victory for local option. A few days ago he filed an injunction suit against the railroad and express company to enjoin them from delivering intoxicating liquor to persons in this county: in view of the fact that this is a new procedure great deal of interest was taken in the case; on last Thursday this case was tried in circuit court and as a result Judge Woodside sustained the injunction. It was shown in testimony that persons ordering liquor for unlawful purposes have the same sent to them in the names of fictitious persons and in care of draymen, who go to the depot, get the liquor and deliver it to the persons ordering it and in this way concealing from the officers the fact that they are in fact receiving liquors to sell. The injunction as granted will stop this kind of business and restrain the railroad and express company from delivering to any person other than the one to whom the liquor is actually consigned; so that if a per-

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son has a shipment of liquor sent in any other name than his own he can't get it, nor can any other person get it for him, and should any person get such a shipment and deliver it to the person ordering it he would himself be liable to prosecution under the local option law. The order also enjoins the companies from delivering liquor to bootleggers and also restrains them from making deliveries to boys under the age of 21 years."

**RANDALL PARRISH**

Randall Parrish, the author of our next serial story, "Beyond the Frontier," has several strong interests. First, he is a historical novelist. Next, he is a plain historian. Third, he is a lecturer on historical subjects and on good government. Fourth, he is interested in college affairs. Fifth, he is active in developing this country's commercial relations with other nations.

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**Weather Report.**

Meteorological Report of Cooperative Observer at Ironton, Iron County, Mo., for the week ending Tuesday, May 30, 1916:

Days of Week.	Day of Month	Temperature		Precipitation
		Highest	Lowest	
Wednesday	24	89	58	
Thursday	25	89	63	
Friday	26	90	62	
Saturday	27	83	71	.20
Sunday	28	85	63	.25
Monday	29	82	61	
Tuesday	30	82	68	

NOTE.—The precipitation includes rain, hail, sleet and melted snow, and is recorded in inches and hundredths. Ten inches of snow equal one inch of rain. "T" indicates trace of precipitation.

W. H. DELANO, Observer.

**To the Public.**

I now have in my employ Ed. Reed, the wagon-maker, who was with Gay & Schwab, at Ironton, for ten years. I find

him to be a first-class workman and will do your work at the following prices: wheel work, second growth spokes, 15¢ each; A extra select spokes, 13¢; XXX extra select, 10¢; XXX select, 9¢; fellow, 15¢; Star grade front axle, \$2; hind axle, \$1.75. Will give you from 30 days' to six months' time to pay for work. Six to twelve months' time to pay on new wagons. Will take in exchange Produce, Ties, Lumber, Live Stock and Log Hauling. Pay teams from \$2.50 to \$4 per day. Horse Shoeing, \$1. I want a good, fast horse-shoer.

R. E. JOHNSTON.  
Bellevue, Mo., May 2.

**Why They Are Hard to Catch.**  
Pulex irritans (which, by the way, is "good") means the flea that pests humans) can jump, according to one Mitzman, a horizontal distance of thirteen inches and a vertical space of eight inches. Now, on the other hand, that puny brat, the Indian rat flea, and we have the word of the Indian plague commission for it, can broad jump only a pindling five inches and kicks the bar off the uprights if sent at a high mark of more than three inches and an eighth.

**Anthrax Father of All Germs.**  
The anthrax germ is the father of all germs since it was the first discovered by the weak microscopes of half a century ago. That was because the germ was so big. The microscopes could not show the smaller germs. It was the anthrax germ, therefore, that led to the development of the microbe theory which caused such an advance in medicine.

**Strayed—One black filly, two years old; mane lays on left side of neck, tail partly gray. Last heard of near Silver Mines. Liberal reward for information leading to the return of this mare.**  
JOHN McDOWELL,  
Knob Lick, Mo.

**Teachers' Examination.**

The next regular examination will be held in the public school building, Ironton, Friday and Saturday, June 2nd and 3rd, 1916.

**ORDER OF SUBJECTS—FIRST DAY.**  
Geography, 8 to 9:30 A. M.  
Language, 9 to 10:30 A. M.  
Algebra, 10 to 11:30 A. M.  
Orthography, 11:00 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.

**SECOND DAY.**  
Grammar, 1:00 to 3 P. M.  
Arithmetic, 2:30 to 4 P. M.  
Literature, 2:30 to 5 P. M.  
Reading, 4:30 to 6 P. M.

**Civil Government, 8 to 9:30 A. M.**  
U. S. History, 9 to 10:30 A. M.  
Agriculture, 10 to 11:30 A. M.  
Adv. Science, 11 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.  
Physiology, 1:30 to 3 P. M.  
Pedagogy, 2:30 to 4 P. M.  
Adv. History, 3:30 to 6 P. M.  
G. W. HANSON, Sup't Schools  
for Iron County.

**Bids for Depository of Funds of District No. 28, (Ironton), Townships 33 and 34, Ranges 3 and 4 East.**

The Board of Education of District No. 26 will receive sealed propositions from individual bankers in said district submitting sealed proposals, must state the rate of interest to be paid, and each bid must be accompanied by a check for not less than one-half of one per cent. of the School District revenue of the preceding year, as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the bidder; and that the Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Done by order of the School Board, Ironton, Mo., May 26, 1916.

G. W. FARRAR,  
Secretary of Board of Education.

**NOTICE OF LETTERS.**

Notice is hereby given, that letters of Administration on the estate of Sarah F. Allen, deceased, were granted to the undersigned, by the Probate Court of Iron County, Missouri, bearing date the 8th day of May, 1916.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to the Administrator for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the last insertion of the publication of this notice, they shall be forever barred.

This 8th day of May, 1916.  
J. G. AUSTIN, Administrator.

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